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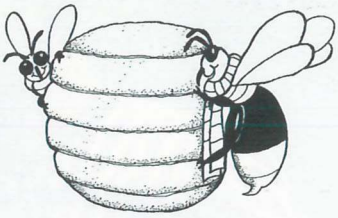

Around The Hive

with Eric White

The Club's Centenary Dinner was held at the London Hilton on Sunday of last week and was a resounding success, being attended by nearly 900 people including over 60 former players.

It was a most nostalgic occasion with wonderful memories exchanged throughout the evening.

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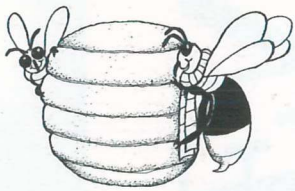
The Welcome to the guests was done by yours truly and distinguished guests included the Mayors of the London Boroughs of Hounslow and Ealing, Sir Barney Heyhoe, MP for Brentford/Isleworth and Sydney Bidwell, MP for Ealing/Southall. Syd has of course been a supporter of ours for over 60 years having spent much of that time standing in the terraces and only recently has he been persuaded to have a seat. William Fox, President of the Football League was in attendance and Colin Downey, on behalf of the Football Association subsequently presented Chairman, Martin Lange with an illustrated address.

There was a tremendous reception for the Yugoslav Team manager, Miljan Miljanic and when I got around to greeting the present management and staff, they were warmly received but it was really all about the old players and former manager, Malcolm MacDonald received a rapturous reception, followed by ex-Chief Administrator, Denis Piggott and then going back through the years the name tripped off the tongue with great affection from the audience.

In the end, we were pleased to welcome four survivors from the 1942 War Cup Final Team, namely, Captain, Joe James, Wingers, Dai Hopkins and Leslie Smith and First Reserve, Ernie Muttitt, whilst they were accompanied by Len Townsend who played in the 1941 Cup Final Team. The oldest former player was Cyril Smith 82 last June who also played with the a-fore mentioned quartet in the First Division days before the War.



The evening also saw the launch of our book "A Hundred Years of Brentford" and sales were very brisk in the evening and those of you who have already purchased the book in advance, may obtain their copy from the Club Offices on production of your receipt. If you wish this to be posted to you, please send £4.00 for postage and packing together with your receipt, and we will despatch it immediately for you. Anyone wishing to purchase a copy through the post can send a cheque for £26.25.

WELCOME

A warm welcome this evening to Bolton Wanderers with whom we have had many memorable meetings in the past.

DEFEAT AT MANCHESTER

We would like to thank all our supporters who made the long trek to Maine Road, last Wednesday week and although the team went down by 4 goals to 1 going out of the Littlewoods Cup on a 5-3 aggregate, it was still a memorable occasion and the display of our lads in the first half when they held the mighty City to one goal a piece, to still be 3-2 ahead at half time ranked with some of the best football they have played. Unfortunately, the team was disrupted by an injury to Roger Stanislaus which resulted in him limping off after 30 minutes and means he will be out of action for the next month. This resulted in Jamie Bates having to switch flanks and thus play out of position and the re-introduction of John Buttigieg to right back. What would have happened had this injury not arisen, is of course pure speculation, but Neil Smillie, also suffered an eye injury and had to go to Manchester Royal Eye Hospital after the game as there was haemhorrhage behind the eye. This caused him to miss the home game with Bristol City but hopefully he should have been back for last Saturday's visit to Preston.

Dean Holdsworth also lost two teeth but fortunately, this did not prevent him from missing the Bristol City game.

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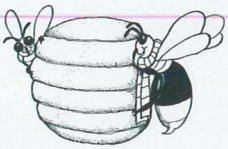
THANKS

Barry Bircham, brother-in-law of assistant manager Phil Holder, writes to express his thanks and those of his two children to the Directors, players, staff and members of the Executive Club, Bees Inn and all supporters who sent floral tributes and messages of sympathy at their recent tragic loss.



LEYLAND DAF DATE

We can now confirm we will meet Leyton Orient here in the Preliminary Round of the Leyland DAF Trophy (formerly Sherpa Van and Freight Rover) on Tuesday November 7th (K.O. 7.45 pm). The game at Mansfield will now take place on Tuesday December 12th.

CLUB OPEN

Chairman Martin Lange opened the Centenary Club (in the old supporters lounge) before the Bristol City game. The Centenary Club under the Chairmanship of Frank Miller was previously the 21 Club but has now changed rooms and name.

CASUALTY CORNER

Roger Stanislaus who was taken off at Maine Road has bruised knee ligaments and could be out of action for another month.

BRENTFORD FC 1889 1989 CENTENARY

MAKE A DATE

Wednesday October 18th
Centenary Golf

Sat November 4th
Tranmere Rovers
Barclays League
Division 3
K.O. 3.00 pm

Monday November 6th
10th Sportsmans Dinner
Heathrow Penta
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Tuesday November 7th
Leyton Orient
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Preliminary Round
K.O. 7.45 pm

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Steve Says

Welcome to Bolton Wanderers this evening and I would like to congratulate them on their fine run at the end of last season which enabled them to win the Sherpa Van Trophy and also their success in the Littlewoods Cup so far this season.

Despite our disappointing result against Bristol City Sunday turned out to be a memorable occasion at the Hilton. It was of course all about 100 years of Brentford and not the previous days result although of course we would liked to have gone their with a good performance behind us. However that was not at the front of peoples thoughts and I was absolutely delighted to meet up with old names of players I had never seen. I think it is good for the club to get close and keep close to old players and, for example, in recent weeks George Francis, who I used to watch as a youngster scoring goals for the club, has put us in touch with a youngster and we have followed this up and it looks a very promising lead, then Chic Brodie has been taking Ashley Bayes for goalkeeping coaching and our YTS lads have been absolutely amazed at Chic's fitness and agility for someone on the wrong side of 50 and we much appreciate the help of such an experienced former goalkeeper.

I was pleased to meet Len Townsend who lives near Brighton and has promised to keep his eyes open for youngsters in the area as he has several links with local football and is an extra set of eyes for the Club.

I also chatted to Alan Hawley and John O'Mara but there were so many people present it was impossible to get round and see everyone I wanted to speak to so I missed the opportunity of chatting for example to Malcolm MacDonald who has such a wealth of experience. The number attending showed great spirit and in what esteem former players still held the club and we must build on this. Phil Holder and I also received an invitation from Miljan Miljanic to go to Yugoslavia to see the National team preparing for the World Cup ? is a marvellous opportunity for us both to attend some of their training sessions and would be a great experience which we would much appreciate. I had met him before many years ago when I played at Under-23 level and ? acted as a messenger on behalf of Bill Nicholson.

Our own players enjoyed the evening a lot and everything about it was positive following the previous days poor performance. When they attended training on Sunday they were full of talk about the ? happenings and the number of former players who will feel so strongly about the club.

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The Visitors

THE TROTTERS

by Graham Haynes

How quickly fortunes can change in football was amply illustrated by Bolton last season.

A 1-0 away defeat at Wolves on 4 March left them floundering amongst the gaggle of clubs desperately trying to steer clear of relegation. The fans were clammering for changes and Bolton looked in for a rough passage.

But from there on the club's fortunes took a dramatic turn for the better starting with a 2-0 home win against Bristol City, the Trotters set off on a run which saw them go undefeated throughout the rest of the campaign to finish a creditable tenth.

The teams resurgence in the Barclays League corresponded with a successful campaign in the Sherpa Van Trophy, the Comprehensive 4-1 victory against Torquay in the final at Wembley stretching it's unbeaten run to a new club record 20 games.

Bolton carried on in much the same vein this term opening with a 2-0 victory at Cardiff and then holding Fulham (0-0) and Huddersfield (1-1) before a 1-0 success against Bristol Rovers broke a 55 year old club record as it was their 20th league game without defeat.

They came unstuck at Rotherham a few days later when going down 1-0, but have since kept pace with the front runners.

Attendances at Burnden Park last season averages 5,528, a rise of more than 500 on the previous campaign, and they are up by around the same figure this term after the first five Barclays League fixtures, Honours went to the home team in encounters between Bolton and Brentford last season.

Richard Cadette, twice, and Terry Evans were on target in our 3-0 victory at Griffin Park on 3rd Decemeber, watched by a crowd of 4,628, while Andy Ansah scored twice before the break to open his goal account for Brentford in the return but finished up on the losing side Bolton's four successful strikers coming from Thomas (2), Savage and Darby. The attendance at Burnden Park that day was one less than for the encounter at Griffin Park.

Apart from **Willie Morgan**, the other twelve players Bolton fielded at Griffin Park December are still at Burnden Park.

Goalkeeper **David Felgate**, an everpresent last season in his third spell at Burnden Park and a Welsh International whose other clubs have been Bolton, Rushdale, Crewe, Lincoln, Cardiff and Grimsby, has been superceded this term by **Kevin Rose**, signed for £22,000 in the summer from Hereford United for whom he once made more than 250 consecutive appearances.

Phil Brown cost £17,000 from Halifax after 217 league games for Hartlepool. **Barry Cowdrill** made 131 appearances for WBA before moving to Bolton in July 1988. **Ian Stevens** was signed from Stockport County after previous service with Preston. **Rob Savage** has done the rounds with Liverpool, Wrexham, Stoke, Bournemouth and Bradford City. **Dean Crombie** won a Division Three championship medal with Grimsby, in 1980 and is now past his 400th league game. **Stuart Storer** cost £25,000 from Everton and has also worn the colours of Mansfield Town, Birmingham and Wigan .

Hammersmith born International **Jeff Chandler** is a former Blackpool, Leeds, Bolton, Derby and Mansfield player. While **Julian Derby**, last season's 'Player of the Year' **Mark Winstanley**, **Micky Brockman** and long serving **Steve Thompson**, all progressed through the ranks.

Apart from **Kevin Rose**, the other newcomers to Burnden this season are **Tony Philliskirk** who cost £50,000 from Preston, **David Reeves** on a free transfer from Sheffield Wednesday, and a few weeks back **Paul Comstive** (£37,500) from Burnley.

The squad is completed by **Glen Henshaw** (ex-Grimsby) **Mike Came** (ex-Wednesfield United) and local signings **Paul Hughes**, **Mike Jeffrey**, **Gareth Gray**, **Gary Brown**, **Dave Roberts**, **Nicky Spoliver** and **Neil Fisher**.

MANAGER - PHIL NEAL

Phil won more honours than any player in English football during his days at Liverpool, including winners medals for seven League titles, four European Cups, four League Cups and the UEFA Cup. Besides that, his 50 appearances for England shattered the previous full back record held by Blackpool's Jimmy Armfield.

Phil made more than 200 senior appearances for Northampton before joining Liverpool in an £85,000 deal in November 1974, and had 416 consecutive games before injury forced him to miss First Division fixture against Sunderland in October 1983. That, and the Milk Cup tie here four days later, were the only times he had been absent from the Liverpool line-up to the end of the 1984-85 season.

Phil succeeded Charlie Wright as manager of Bolton - in December 1985, and last season had 8 league games for the club to take his total past the 700 mark.

PREVIOUS RECORD v BOLTON

		HOME	AWAY
33/34	DIV 2	3 - 1	2 - 3
34/35	DIV 2	1 - 0	0 - 2
35/36	DIV 1	4 - 0	2 - 0
36/37	DIV 1	2 - 2	2 - 2
37/38	DIV 1	1 - 1	0 - 2
38/39	DIV 1	2 - 2	1 - 1
46/47	DIV 1	1 - 0	0 - 1
72/73	DIV 3	2 - 1	0 - 2
83/84	DIV 3	3 - 0	0 - 1
84/85	DIV 3	2 - 1	1 - 1
85/86	DIV 3	1 - 1	2 - 1
86/87	DIV 3	1 - 2	2 - 0
88/89	DIV 3	3 - 0	2 - 4

SUMMARY

	P	W	D	L	F	A
HOME	13	8	4	1	26	11
AWAY	13	3	3	7	14	20
TOTAL	26	11	7	8	40	31

BOLTONS 5 SEASON RECORD

SEASON	LEAGUE	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS	POS	LGE.CUP	F.A.CUP	F.R.T. S.V.T.
84/85	DIV 3	46	16	6	24	69	75	54	17	3	1	SEMI-FIN
85/86	DIV 3	46	15	8	23	54	68	53	18	2	1	FINALISTS
86/87	DIV 3	46	10	15	21	46	58	45	21	1	3	Q-FIN
87/88	DIV 4	46	22	12	12	66	42	78	3	1	3	1
88/89	DIV 3	46	16	16	14	58	54	64	10	1	2	WINNERS

Match Reports

by Eddie Robinson

MANCHESTER CITY 4 BRENTFORD 1

A 3 Goal burst just after half-time knocked Bees out of the Littlewoods Cup. Each posed question marks about Brentford's defence. Mullen and Evans failed to cut out a through ball which Morley latched onto to run the ball past Parks. Bates had a chance to clear Lake's centre before Morley seized his chance and both Mullen and Bates had chances to halt Fleming, before he crossed for Oldfield to score City's fourth.

This was all in contrast to what had happened in the first half when Bees played really well to dominate the first 45, coming back from the disappointment of conceding a goal to City's first attack after 11 minutes. Before this, Evans, Holdsworth and May had had efforts saved by Cooper. Ratcliffe thundered in a 40 yard drive that nearly deceived the keeper, but Bees were only in arrears for 5 minutes, when a great through ball to the unmarked May who steered his shot wide of Cooper for a classic goal. Bees continued in control and Holdsworth hooked just over the angle from May's cross. Jones and Ratcliffe dominated the midfield and the 4 players in front of them sparkled. Bees lost Stanislaus after half an hour with a knee injury incurred during one of the several forward sorties.

Then came that second half blitz by the speedy City forward. The last half hour was fairly even territorially, but with Smillie no longer having the beating of his full back, Bees threatened only rarely, twice through Cadette. City's attack on the other hand gave Bates a torrid time and came close through Danger-men Morley and Oldfield, as Parks was so much closer to the action than he had been in the first half.

That first half once again showed Bees ability to more than match higher status teams.

BRENTFORD 0 BRISTOL CITY 2

This was not the performance Brentford would have wished to serve as the hors d'oeuvres for their Centenary Dinner. City on the day were the better side, Bees were without Stanislaus and Smillie injured at Maine Road.

The main difference between the sides was that City got the ball to their wide men who then created difficulties for the home defenders, in other words taking a leaf out of Brentfords book. Brentford's best efforts in the opening half hour were strong drives from Blisset and Holdsworth that both inched past Leaning's right hand post. An ill-judged tackle by Bates when the goal was not immediately threatened led to a penalty award and Wimbledon scored easily from the shot after 33 minutes. Bees attempted to equalise before half-time and Ratcliffe had a strong effort well saved.

Brentford were on the attack more in the second half as the thick drizzle made the surface slippery. May shot straight at the keeper whilst probing forces from Jones just failed to find the forwards. Midway through the half, Cadette came in for Blissett, and Ratcliffe dropped to full-back when Cockram came on for Bates.

However, it was City who sealed the game when the unmarked Turner rushed forward to head past Parks, who claimed that he had prevented the ball crossing the line. The keeper having his busiest home game of the season had needed to be at his most alert to foil the City forwards.

Bees last chance came when May was sent flying in the penalty area only for Cockram's kick to lack sufficient speed to beat the diving Leaning minutes from time.

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Who's Who of Brentford

A First Division Who's Who 1935-47 (Part eight)

GORMAN, WILLIAM, FULL BACK, IRISH

Total League Appearances: 125
Total First Division Appearances: 58
League Debut v Manchester United, Division One, 17.12.38 (Lost 2-5)

The prematurely bald head of this none-too-tall, Irish-Scot-turned-Londoner was one of the most familiar sights in the game in the years leading up to the end - directly after the war this speed and enthusiasm made Gorman one of the best full-backs in the game and earned him 13 caps for Eire and for Northern Ireland. His qualifications came about by pure chance after he made a premature entry to the world while his parents - Dad was a Scot, mother English - were on holiday in County Sligo.

He was brought up on Clydebrook and came South to play for Bury, making 52 appearances before joining Brentford for £7,000 on 16 December 1938.

Most record books list Gorman as Bury's most capped player, when in fact his eleventh game for Southern Ireland was gained in the 2-2 draw with Hungary in Cork in March 1939, three months after he signed for Brentford.

To play in that game necessitated a mad overnight dash from London, as 24 hours earlier Bill was at right back in the Brentford team beaten 1-0 by Leeds United at Griffin Park.

After the war Bill shared with Manchester United's Johnny Carey the unique experience of playing against England twice within 48 hours for two different countries.

On 28 September 1946 he was in the Northern Ireland side beaten 7-2 by England in Belfast and two days later played for Eire against England in Dublin.

Like so many other players, the war carved a huge chunk out of Bill's career and when he departed from Griffin Park in October 1950 to take over as player manager of Kent league Deal Town he was not far short of his 40th birthday.

Bill died in December 1978.

HOLLIDAY, JOHN , CENTRE FORWARD, ENGLISH

Total League Appearances: 212 (116 Goals)
Total First Division Appearances: 96 (28 Goals)
League Debut: Away v QPR, Division 3 (South), 27.8.32 (Won 3-1)

Jack Holliday, was beyond doubt one of the most popular layers to pull on a Brentford shirt. His goalscoring exploits in the thirties were a major factor in the club's rise from the depths of the Third Division to the First in the space of three years between 1933-35, when the cry from the stands and terraces of "Olly! Olly!" became a Brentford trademark.

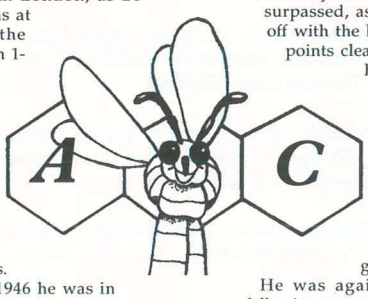
A local newspaper of the time described him perfectly: "Essentially a robust, bustling type of centre forward, he is extremely difficult to knock off the ball and can shoot with either foot. He is seen to best advantage on a hard, dry ground which does not impede his speed or affect the ball control. On a wet surface he is not so prominent, but he always gives of his best whatever the conditions, while he swiftly endeared himself to all Brentford fans by his unfailing good humour and patience."

Born in the village of Cockfield, Olly was christened John Williams, but for some reason was always known as Jack.

He first came to prominence with his home-town team from whom he joined Middlesbrough in March 1930. Over the next two seasons he helped Borough's reserves to a League and Cup double in the North Eastern League, shattering the competition's goalscoring record when netting 78 times in 1931-32. The presence of England International George Camsell restricted his chances of first team football, but when called on he averaged a goal-a-game in five First Division appearances for the Teesiders. However, with Camsell looking good for years to come there was little hope of regular first team football and when in May 1932 Brentford came in for his signature he jumped at the chance to move South.

Jack was joined by Billy Scott who went on to be capped by England, and Bert Watson, in a transfer deal which was to become significant in Brentford's history.

His first season at Griffin Park saw him shatter the club goalscoring record, his tally of 38 has never been surpassed, as Brentford romped off with the Divisional title, four points clear of the runners-up Exeter. The Bees came close to bringing First Division football to Griffin Park twelve months later, finishing just out of the frame with Jack again leading the goalcharts on 27.



He was again to the fore the following season, Brentford making no mistake this time to finish top, five points clear of Bolton. The part Holliday played in those momentous years can be gauged from the fact that he scored 90 goals in just 116 League appearances. He did not meet with the same success rate in the First Division, but never the less more than held his own among the League's elite.

International honours, though, passed him by although Olly did wear an England shirt against Anglo-Scots side at Highbury in May 1935 in aid of the Jubilee Fund.

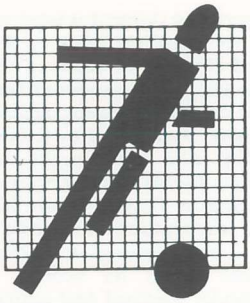
Jack continued to give of his best into the war years the curtain finally coming down on his career in Brentford's 3-0 victory at Reading on May 6th 1944.

That was not the end of his association with the club, far from it, and until the summer of 1961 he was employed as the club's reserve team trainer.

The competitive edge never left him and in later years he became a County class bowls player, representing Middlesex in a number of tournaments and won the West Ealing Championship a record 10 times.

"Olly Olly" has gone down as one of Brentford's most reserved sons, his contribution over a 30 year period warranting an honourable mention whenever the club's history is reviewed.

by Graham Haynes



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Third Division Scene

by Ian Westbrook

Three Third Division teams have survived to next week's Third Round of the Littlewood's Cup. All are from the North-West and they all knocked out Second Division teams in the last round.

The best result was achieved by tonight's visitors Bolton who travelled to Vicarage Road with a 2-1 lead to face a Watford team with a 100% home record in the League. Despite falling behind to an Iwan Roberts goal in the 49th minute, they equalised through Paul Comstive's first goal for the club in the 67th minute and held out before an 8,452 crowd. The Trotters must however have been disappointed, particularly with the four big North-West clubs in the bag, to have been drawn away to Swindon. Tranmere meanwhile continued their great form when Chris Malkin's 9th minute goal saw off Ipswich on a 2-0 aggregate before 10,050 ecstatic supporters at Prenton Park. Their reward for that is a home tie with Millwall, a game which could prove very interesting. The third qualifiers meanwhile were Blackpool, who went through in the Round's only penalty shoot-out. In normal time, Blackpool centre-half Gary Briggs scored twice, unfortunately one for each side to send the tie into Extra-Time. When that failed to produce a winner it was left to the penalties, and Seasiders goalkeeper Steve McIlhargey saved from Barnsley's Paul Futcher to win 5-4. Blackpool now face a tricky tie in another seaside resort, as they travel to Fourth Division Exeter, who now incidentally again have ex-Bee Jim McNichol in their ranks following a summer move from Torquay.

Whilst those three Third Division clubs march on in the competition, eleven others including Brentford were knocked out in the Second Round. The closest to causing an upset were Huddersfield who only lost to holders Nottingham Forest on away goals. Going into their home leg at 1-1 and with the backing of a 13,262 crowd. The Terriers, who were at a stage 3-1 down on the night, fought back to 3-3 through two goals from Craig Maskell and one from Mike Cecere to force Extra-time, but they could not force the winner. Birmingham and Crewe each only went out by one goal. The Blues drew 1-1 at West Ham thanks to Ian Atkins' 71st minute equaliser before 12,187 to go out 3-2, and settled in the Gresty Road first leg. Leyton Orient caused a minor shock when they drew a first half lead but they then fell behind before Geoff Pike equalisied with the last kick of the match watched by 10,128. Rotherham also departed on a two-goal aggregate, only of 3-1 as two Norwich goals in the first half-hour at Millmoor dampened the enthusiasm of the 9,064 crowd. Reading meanwhile travelled to Newcastle with a 3-1 first leg lead, but with the backing of a 15,220 crowd The Geordies swept them aside on the night 4-0. Fulham were criticised by manager Ray Lewington after a disappointing all ticket crowd of 6,314 had seen them brushed aside by Sunderland for a 4-1 aggregate defeat, and Shrewsbury went down 3-1 at Swindon for a 6-1 overall loss, the 5,544 crowd seeing their consolation come from a 76th minute Willie Naughton penalty. Mansfield and Wigan meanwhile each went out by six goal margins. The Stags lost 7-2 on Luton's plastic, scoring a goal in each half through Mark Kearney and new boy Steve Wilkinson for an 11-5 aggregate before 6,519. Meanwhile 17,954 saw Wigan's home second leg with Liverpool at Anfield where a second half hat-trick by substitute Steve Staunton complete an 8-2 aggregate.

Before last Saturday's home game with Shrewsbury, Wigan were the only Third Division team without a league win. This followed Cardiff's 3-2 victory at Huddersfield ten days ago, which was their first three-point haul this season. The Bluebirds' first goal was scored by one of their new signings in what is definitely a time of change at the club. New manager Len Ashurst wasted no time in spending some of the record £215,000 he received for Jimmy Gilligan as mentioned here in the Bristol City programme. That goal was scored by Cohen Griffith who was bought the previous Tuesday from Kettering for £60,000. Griffith made his name last season in Kettering's F.A. Cup run (alongside Robbie Cooke) when he scored a spectacular televised goal against Halifax in the Third Round. Ashurst also bought Swindon midfielder Leigh Barnard for £25,000, and borrowed West Brom. goalkeeper Gavin Ward after George Wood broke two bones in his hand in training. Meanwhile Cardiff have allowed former Welsh International Alan Curtis to join Swansea on a free to start his third spell at The Vetch, and were disappointed when Leeds defender Brendan Ormsby pulled out of a move to Ninian Park as he did not want to drop down to the Third Division.

Northampton meanwhile have been having a clearout as manager Graham Carr tries to rebuild the side. They sold last season's two leading goalscorers, record signing Tony Adcock to Bradford City for £190,000 and Paul Culpin to local rivals Peterborough for £40,000. Adcock scored on only the 22nd minute of his debut for The Bantams. Two other forwards in the news have been ex-Bee Tony Sealy who is now at Bristol Rovers and Fulham's on loan player Iain Dowie who was the only new cap in Northern Ireland's squad for last week's World Cup qualifier in Dublin.

Finally other news has seen Bury borrow two goalkeepers in a week in Notts County. Aidan Davidson, who had just finished a similar spell at Leyton Orient, and Newcastle Gary Kelly, and Saturday's opponents Shrewsbury return defender Eddie Gormley to Spurs after a loan spell in which he did not appear and also lose their ex-Brentford midfielder Phil Priest for a fortnight with shock and whiplash following a car crash. He should have recovered however in time for Saturday's game.

Gary Blissett is first to the ball as City defenders give chase

A study in concentration

Pics by Craig Lenihan, Action Images

ON THIS DAY . .

1925 We registered our 1st League victory of the season, 2-1 at Bristol Rovers (J.Lane, P.Whitton) in what was our 11th match, the previous 10 having yielded just 1 draw and 9 3rd division south defeats...

1931 Bristol Rovers were again beaten, though this time by 4-2 at Griffin Park, a result leaving us in 2nd place in the 3rd division south table.

Watched by 14,000 crowd we went ahead in the 1st minute through amateur J.C.Burns and then after falling 2-1 behind equalised before half time with the first of 2 penalties from George Robson. Bill Berry put us ahead in the opening minute of the 2nd period and the game was wrapped up late on when Robson converted from the spot again...

1934 Frank Blunstone was born in Crewe.

Frank was of course manager here between December 1969 and July 1973 and later returned for a short spell as Assistant Manager under Fred Callaghan.

His playing career started with his home town side, Crewe Alexandra, signing professional terms for them in January 1952 and appearing in 48 League games for the club, scoring a dozen goals, before his big money move to Chelsea in February 1953 for £7,000.

At Stamford Bridge Frank spent 11 good seasons and despite breaking his leg twice clocked up a total of 317 League outings during which he scored 47 goals, a 1st division championship medal coming his way in 1954/55 in Ted Drakes fine side.

His exciting wing play earnt him England Youth, Under 23, Football League representative and full international honours, his 5 caps at the top level being won between 1954-56.

His playing career ended during the summer of 1964 through injury, his loyal service to Chelsea being rewarded by the offer of a job as Youth team coach and he held this position until taking over from Jimmy Sirrell here in December 1969, many of his discoveries during his 5 years as youth coach at the Bridge going on to form the nucleus of the Blues fine side of the late 60's and early 70's.

After just missing out on promotion in his first season at Griffin Park he set about rebuilding the side and did a wonderful job on a shoe-string budget, taking us to the 5th Round of the F.A. Cup in 1970/71 and promotion back to the 3rd division the following term.

Sadly our stay in the 3rd division lasted just a year, which was in no small part due to the selling of John O'Mara and Bobby Ross for financial reasons, decisions which one suspects were taken out of Blunstones hands. Frank found himself in conflict with the board and in July 1973 resigned, his League record whilst here reading as follows P 162 W 66 D 35 L 61 F 219 A 196 Pts 167.

After leaving Griffin Park he became Youth team coach at Manchester United under Tommy Docherty and after recovering from a serious car accident took the Assistant Managers role. He followed the 'Doc' to Derby County and then had a spell managing in Greek football before returning to England as coach under Jack Charlton at Sheffield Wednesday.

He returned to Brentford in October 1983 following Ron Harris's departure as player/coach and spent 4 months as Assistant manager to Fred Callaghan, his 1st match in his new capacity unfortunately co-incided with a 6-0 defeat at Southend.

He left in February 1984 on the dismissal of Callaghan...

1936 Grimsby Town knocked us off the top of the 1st division table when beating us 2-0 at Blundell Park.

International call-ups left us short of 3 players however as Billy Scott won his solitary England cap and Dai Hopkins and Dave Richards were selected for Wales again, the 3 meeting up at Cardiff where the welsh beat England 2-1. Hopkins absence from our side was his first for 158 cup and league games stretching back 3 years...

1953 New £4,000 signing from Cardiff City, John Rainford, made his league debut in our 7-1 2nd division home victory over Leeds United.

First half goals from Billy Dare and Jimmy Bloomfield put us in the driving seat and despite Welsh international John Charles pulling a goal back for the Peacocks on the hour mark we held on to register our 3rd consecutive victory...

1955 We beat Tottenham Hotspur 2-1 at Griffin Park in the 2nd round of the London Challenge Cup in front of a 2,000 crowd (King o.g.,Towers).

The Spurs side including 9 players with Football League experience, amongst whom were Ron Henry, Tommy Harmer and Terry Dyson...

1957 Billy Stagg was born in Ealing.

Billy one of the club's smallest ever players at just 5'4" came through our junior ranks in the early 1970's and received 4 League outings before being released.

1959 We pulled off a splendid 2-1 victory at Bournemouth in the 3rd division in front of a 12,226 crowd, the Cherries having been unbeaten at home for over a year. Our goals coming from Jim Towers and John Hales, his 1st for the club...

1964 A 2-0 home win over Shrewsbury Town (Bonson, Fielding) kept us on top of the 3rd division table with just 3 defeats having been suffered in our opening 16 League fixtures. The match was marred though by the sending off of Tommy Higginson and Shrewsbury's Eric Brodie for fighting, Higginson being the first Brentford player since the war to receive his marching orders in the League...

1970 Our 13th match of the season brought us our 2nd victory, and a surprise one at that as we triumphed 2-1 at top of the table Chester.

In a game which saw Bobby Ross complete 100 consecutive games we avenged an opening day of the season defeat by the 'Seals' with goals from Roger Cross and the on-loan Alex Dawson, his 1st goal for the club...

1978 A 1-0 defeat in a Tuesday night fixture at Rotherham United, our 4th defeat in a row, left us languishing in 23rd place in the 3rd division table...

1987 An exciting Griffin Park clash against fellow promotion hopefuls Walsall ended goal-less in front of a 5,056 crowd.

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It doesn't need much of an excuse for this column to delve back in to the clubs glory days of the 1930's and with a famous name like Bolton visiting us tonight it seemed only natural to recall one of our 1st division meetings with the Trotters, the particular match under review being played at Griffin Park over Christmas, 1935.

The 1st division table of the time wore a rather disappointing look about it for Brentford fans as in our debut season in the top flight we were situated just 2 places off the bottom, things would change of course and dramatically so later in the season, but for now it was a worrying position to be in. Bolton who had followed us up from the 2nd division the previous season as runners up were making only a slightly better fist of things and were 5 places and 4 points higher up the table than us.

Things had looked a litter brighter for us over the Christmas holiday however as we had just achieved our 1st over double in the 1st division when beating Preston 5-2 at home on Christmas Day and 4-2 at Deepdale on Boxing Day. Bolton's visit provided us with the chance of a 2nd such double as we had won 2-0 at Burnden Park on the opening day of the season in what was of course our 1st ever 1st division fixture.

The teams for the Griffin Park return were as follows:-

Brentford:- Mathieson, Wilson, Poyser, McKenzie, James, Richards, Hopkins, Scott, McCulloch, Holliday, Muttitt.

Bolton W. :- Jones, Finney, Goslin, Kirkman, Hurst, Taylor (G), Taylor (G.T.), Eastham, Milsom, Westwood, Cook.

Heavy rain of recent days had left the game in doubt but it got the all clear from Derby referee J.Millward and it was the bees who made the early running on the gluepot pitch. The visitors had been hampered by injuries to full back Connor and centre half Atkinson and their re-organised defence took a pounding in the early stages as first Scott and then McCulloch went close to opening our account.

The Bees avoided the sticky middle of the park and fed Hopkins and Muttitt down the wings in a continuous assault on the Bolton goal. McCulloch forced a superb save from Bob Jones in the Bolton goal and then on 35 minutes the threatened goal finally arrived. Joe Wilson checked winger George Taylor with a fine tackle and then threaded the ball forwards to Holliday, he was fouled on the edge of the area but the referee played a sensible advantage and when Holliday's pass inside found McCulloch it was hit right footed first time with venemous force, Jones managed to get both hands to the ball but the power of the shot forced it past him and over the line.

Within 2 minutes the lead was doubled when Hopkins broke away on the right and sent over a high dropping cross which eluded 2 defenders but found the lurking McCulloch at the far post and his neat header did the rest.

Shell shocked Bolton almost went 3 down before the break, McCulloch whipping the 32,000 crowd in to a frenzy with a dazzling dribble which took him round 4 defenders before being checked at the last moment by a brave dive at the feet by Jones and Holliday also going close when seeing his shot cleared off the line by the veteran Finney, a survivor of Boltons 1923 and 1929 F.A. Cup winning sides.

The 2nd period started with a brief rally from Bolton, English international inside forward Ray Westwood thrilling the crowd with a lightning run which took him past Joe Wilson and Joe James before they could turn but Mathieson rushed from his goal to narrow the angle and made a good save, George Taylor and Bill Cook also forced saves from Mathieson during this brief spell of Bolton pressure. Brentford soon got back on top however and on 55 minutes the match was effectively sewed up when Dave McCulloch notched his hat-trick, Jack Holliday played a long ball over the top of the Bolton defence and in the time honoured tradition of centre forwards of the period McCulloch barged a hesitant Jones and the ball in to the back of the net to record his 1st hat trick in a red and white shirt.

With the match won and the pitch deteriorating by the minute the match fell in to a scrappy phase with both sides only showing the odd glimpse of positive football, there was to be one further bright moment for the home crowd though and this came in the 81st minute when Duncan McKenzie strode remorselessly through the gloom beating defender after defender before unleashing a 20 yard curling drive which sped past the keeper to make it 4-0, the perfect ending to a rousing performance from the Bees.

The 1st division programme that afternoon saw a hatful of goals abound, 47 coming in the 10 games which took place. Amongst the other highlights were league leaders Sunderland beating Arsenal 5-4 at Roker Park in front of a massive 60,000 crowd, Sheffield Wednesday and drubbing bottom club Aston Villa 5-2, Villa had now conceded 74 goals in only 23 matches, and Derby County move to 2nd in the table after drawing 3-3 with next to bottom Everton. The other divisional leaders that evening being Leicester City (2), Luton Town (3s) and Tranmere Rovers (3n).

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BOB BOOKER

A Life in the Day of

by Frank Coumbe

Last November, after over ten years at Griffin Park, our consistent utility player Bob Booker left Brentford to join our Third Division rivals Sheffield United. It was a transfer that surprised most supporters and Bob told me recently that it was a move that came out of the blue. "I'd signed a new contract at Brentford for my Benefit season. Steve Perryman had been straight with me and said that I wasn't going to be a regular in the first team but that he planned to use me when needed. I was quite happy with this arrangement and promised to give my usual 100% effort when selected. Allan Cockram had an injury early in the season and I replaced him in a central midfield role for a few games before I was left out. I wasn't in the thirteen for the F.A. Cup tie against Halesowen but the following Monday Steve called me into his office and said that Dave Bassett had been on the phone asking if he could talk to me with a view to me joining Sheffield United. Steve told me that he wouldn't be asking for a fee in recognition of my long service at Brentford. As I didn't figure in Steve's long term plans, I thought I might as well see what Sheffield were offering. I was very nervous the next morning as I drove up to Sheffield as I'd spent my entire professional career at Brentford. I met Dave Bassett at the ground and he told me that their central midfield man Simon Webster had picked up a nasty injury the previous Saturday which would keep him out of the side for sometime and he wanted me to replace him. We agreed terms straight away and I watched United beat Mansfield in an F.A.Cup replay that night. I returned home the next day to sort one or two things out before returning on the Thursday to formally sign a two year contract. I made my Sheffield United debut on the Saturday against Bristol City."

Bob appeared in most games up to the end of the season helping United to gain promotion to Division Two as runners up to Wolves. They also reached the fifth round of the F.A.Cup before losing 3-2 at Norwich where "we gave them a scare."

Bob scored twice for United last season and has already doubled that figure this season. His first was a fine left foot volley in a 5-4 victory over Brighton and his second, a header in the 2-0 win over Swindon. These victories took the Blades to the top of Division Two. Of the move up to the Second Division Bob says, "There are more battles in the Third Division. In the second, teams play the ball about more but none of them have mastered our long ball game, yet."

Bob has retained his Watford home and lodges in Sheffield during the week. Initially he stayed with Physio Derek French who was a playing colleague of his at Bedmond Social. He then moved to right back Chris Wilder's house and now stays with left back Martin Pike. He returns home after the Saturday games.

As you'd expect it is Brentford's result that Bob always wants to know after each game and he also keeps an eye on how well all his former colleagues are doing. He's pleased how well his old friend Terry Hurlock is doing for Millwall and looks forward to facing Chris Kamara (Stoke City) this season. He also mentioned that he is looking forward to facing Vinney Jones in the Yorkshire Derby match against Leeds as Vinney also played for Bedmond Social earlier in his career.

Bob is happy at Sheffield United just as he was at Brentford and feels that he has been lucky to play for both clubs. His father goes to most Sheffield United home games and his brother-in-law watches him sometimes as well. Bob's brother-in-law is his former Brentford team-mate Ian Bolton who, he says, "I introduced to my sister!" In addition his girlfriend also goes to some of the games.

Bob describes his manager Dave Bassett as, "Very demanding", going on to say, "He knows what he wants and demands perfection, nevertheless he's good to work for." Dave's record at Wimbledon and now Sheffield United rivals any other manager in the country. Bob only has praise for his four managers at Brentford. Of the last two he says, "I really liked working for Frank McLintock and Steve Perryman. Both have achieved so much in the game and they were always honest with me."

I asked Bob to pick out his three most memorable moments in football. His first came in his second season at Griffin Park, in only his fourth appearance, he scored a hat-trick in a 7-2 victory over Hull City. The second was appearing at Wembley Stadium for Brentford in the first Freight Rover Trophy Final in 1985 against Wigan. The third was winning promotion to Division Two with Sheffield United last season.

With 'The Blades' currently topping Division Two who knows what Bob will go on to achieve in the future.

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(up to & incl. 7.10.89)

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JUNIOR BEES

Supporters F.C. Round-Up.

Last Sunday fortnight we cleared a reward at the Club, when all four sides that we fielded won the u/13's defeated Whitton Colts 7-1, scorers Wayne Hardy,2, Andrew Sherwood,2, Richard Cattini, Ben Whistler and Zoran Higgins. The u/12's remain unbeaten defeating Greenford Town 5-2, scorers Steven Davis,3, Jason Davis and Diaman Wilkins. The u/10's defeated Hampton Cardinals 3-2, Jack McKinley, Jamie Page and Mathew Webster scored. The u/10's reserve side also won defeating South Runslip Rangers 4-2. Still looking for coaches for u/8 and u/9 sides, ring Mac North on 891-2744 if interested.

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APOLOGY

In the supporters news section of the programme against Bristol City we recorded the death of supporter Mr. Ted Cook of Greenford. Regretably due to a typographical error his name was incorrectly printed as Lock, and we would therefore like to take this opportunity of apologising to his wife and family for any distress this may have caused.

Bristol City's mascot was **Michael Garde** aged 11, who, with other Bristol youngsters, spent the day with junior Bees at Wembley Stadium and Griffin Park.

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Bee Snips

Keith Jones

Captain Keith Jones made his one hundredth first team appearance for Brentford in our recent home match against Bury. During this period he scored seven goals, his most memorable coming in our 3-1 FA Cup win over Manchester City last February. His eighth Brentford goal came in his 103rd appearance for the Bees when he netted in our 3-2 victory at Crewe Alexandra.

Keith was a slightly surprising choice as Brentford's new captain at the start of the 1988/89 season but Steve Perryman's decision has proved to be absolutely correct. Keith's personal performances have been extremely consistent and his powers to motivate his team-mates have been clear....to all observers.

TRAVEL WITH THE BEES TO....

SHREWSBURY TOWN at Gay Meadow on Sat. 21st Oct at 3.00 pm

Brentford's visit to Shrewsbury on Saturday will be their first since the open day of the 1978/79 season, when a first half penalty from Ian Atkins sent The bees up that season as Third Division Champions, and had an unbroken run in the Second Division which only ended this summer. They started this season well briefly topping the table but following their first home League defeat of the season in five games 1-0 against Mansfield ten days ago, they had slipped 10th.

Brentford have a poor record at Gay Meadow having won two and drawn five of their thirteen league games there. The last victory was 3-1 in 1961/62 through goals from Johnny Brooks, George Francis, and George McLeod. On Saturday Brentford could also face two ex-Bees in Phil Priest and David Geddis.

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Aug	19	Bristol Rovers	0-1	5,835	1	2	3	4	5*	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	9s						
	23	Brighton & Hove A (LCC1 (1L))	3-0	6,405	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11*	6s		9s					Millen (2H),Godfrey (37H),
	26	**Chester City**	1-1	5,153	1	2	3	4	5*	6	7	8	9	10	11	2s		9s					Evans(25)
	29	**Brighton & Hove A (LCC 1 (2L))**	1-1	4,306	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11*	2s			6s				Blissett (41)
Sep	2	Cardiff City	2-2	3,499	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	9s						May (56H,76)
	9	**Bury**	0-1	5,010	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9s	10	11*	14				9			
	16	Huddersfield Town	0-1	5,579	1	2	3	4*	5	6	7	8	11	10		2s	9		7s				
	19	**Manchester City (LCC2 (1L))**	2-1	6,065	1*	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		10	11		9s		6s	9			Evans(9),Blissett(84)
	23	**Birmingham City**	0-1	5,386	1	2	3	4	5	6*	7	8		10	11		10s		5s	9			
	26	Crewe Alexandra	3-2	3,496	1	2	3	4*	5	6	7	8	10		11	12	9s			9			Smillie(41),Jones(53),
	30	**Wigan Athletic**	3-1	4,647	1	2		4*	5	6	7	8		10	11	3s					9	3	Blissett (7),Holdsworth (80),
Oct	4	Manchester City (LCC 2 (2L))	1-4	17,864	1	3s	3	4	5	6	7*	8		10	11	2				8s	9		May
	7	**Bristol City**	0-2	7,421	1			4*	5	6	7	8	11	10		2		2s		10s	9	3	
	14	Preston North End																					
	17	**Bolton Wanderers**																					
	21	Shrewsbury Town																					
	28	**Fulham**																					
	31	Notts County																					
Nov	**4**	**Tranmere Rovers**																					
	7	**Leyton Orient (L.D.C) (7.45 pm)**																					
	11	Blackpool																					
	18	FA Cup 1st Round																					
	25	Northampton Town																					
Dec	**3**	**Leyton Orient (11.30 am)**																					
	9	FA Cup 2nd Round																					
	12	**Mansfield Town (L.D.C)**																					
	17	**Mansfield Town (11.15 am)**																					
	26	Reading																					
	30	Swansea City																					
Jan	**1**	**Walsall**																					
	6	**Rotherham United** (FAC 3)																					
	12	Chester City (7.30 pm)																					
	20	**Bristol Rovers**																					
	27	Bury (FAC 4)																					
Feb	3	Birmingham City																					
	10	**Huddersfield Town**																					
	13	**Cardiff City**																					
	18	Leyton Orient																					
	25	**Northampton Town (11.15 am)**																					
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	24	Bolton Wanderers																					
	31	**Shrewsbury Town**																					
Apr	**7**	**Notts County**																					
	10	Fulham (8.00 pm)																					
	14	Walsall																					
	16	**Reading**																					
	21	Mansfield Town																					
	24	**Swansea City**																					
	28	**Blackpool**																					
May	5	Tranmere Rovers																					

* Star Player
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FACTS AND FIGURES

Highest Home Wins

Tranmere R.	6	Bristol C.	0	29.9.89
Preston N.E.	5	Chester C	0	23.9.89
Rotherham	5	Birmingham C	1	7.10.89
RotherhamU.	4	Cardiff C.	0	30.9.89
Tranmere R.	4	Huddersfield T	0	22.9.89

Highest Away Wins

Swansea C.	1	Reading	6	23.9.89
Chester C	1	Bury	4	7.10.89
Cardiff C.	0	Bristol C.	3	16.9.89
Mansfield T.	0	Blackpool	3	23.9.89
Wigan A.	0	Rotherham U.	3	26.8.89

Hat-tricks (4)

Brian Mooney (Preston) v. Chester C.	23.9.89
Trevor Senior (Reading) v. Swansea C.	23.9.89
Bobby Williamson (Rotherham) v. Cardiff C.	30.9.89
Bobby Williamson (Rotherham) v Birmingham	7.10.89

Sending offs

Ian Alexander (Bristol R) v Bristol C	23.9.89
Russell Coughlin (Blackpool) v Notts Co	26.8.89
Ian Dowie (Fulham) v Chester City	30.9.89
Adrian Hughes (Preston) v Walsall	30.9.89
Craig McKernon (Mansfield) v Bury	16.9.89
Glen Thomas (Fulham) v Crewe Alexandra	9.9.89
Robbie Turner (Bristol C) v Tranmere	26.9.89
Steve Yates (Bristol R) v Leyton Orient	26.9.89

APPEARANCES
Season 89/90

Evans	13
Jones, K	13
May	13
Millen	13
Parks	13
Ratcliffe	13
Blissett	12
Buttigieg	11+1
Smillie	11
Stanislaus	11
Godfrey	8+1
Cadette	4+3
Holdsworth	3
Bates	2+5
Flemming	2
Haag	1+5
Cockram	0+5
Ansah	0+2

STAR PLAYERS

STAR PLAYER

Smillie	5
Evans	2
Millen	3
Jones	1
Parks	1
Ratcliffe	1

STATISTICS

May (83H)

Godfrey(63)
May (81)

SCORERS

Season 89/90

May	5
Blissett	3
Evans	2
Godfrey	2
Holdsworth	1
Jones	1
Millen	1
Smillie	1

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

(up to and including Saturday 1st October)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tranmere	9	5	0	0	18	1	2	0	2	6	5	21
Bristol Rovers	9	4	1	0	9	2	2	1	1	2	1	20
Bury	9	1	3	0	7	4	4	0	1	10	6	18
Rotherham	9	4	1	0	15	4	1	1	2	5	5	17
Bristol City	9	3	1	0	5	1	2	1	2	6	9	17
Bolton W.	**9**	**3**	**2**	**0**	**7**	**4**	**1**	**1**	**2**	**4**	**4**	**15**
Fulham	9	2	1	1	4	2	2	2	1	5	4	15
Birmingham C.	9	4	0	0	9	1	1	0	4	4	11	15
Huddersfield T.	9	3	1	1	7	4	1	2	1	6	9	15
Shrewsbury T.	9	3	1	1	9	4	1	1	2	6	7	14
Notts County	9	2	1	1	4	2	1	3	1	8	8	13
Reading	9	1	2	1	5	5	1	4	0	7	2	12
Walsall	9	2	2	2	7	8	1	1	1	3	4	12
Northampton T.	9	2	0	2	5	4	1	2	2	5	6	11
Blackpool	9	1	2	2	4	6	2	0	2	5	4	11
Preston N.E.	9	2	1	1	12	7	1	0	4	4	11	10
Mansfield Town	8	1	0	2	1	4	2	1	2	4	5	10
Leyton Orient	9	2	0	2	4	3	1	0	4	6	12	9
Brentford	**9**	**1**	**1**	**3**	**4**	**6**	**1**	**1**	**2**	**5**	**6**	**8**
Crewe Alex	9	1	1	2	7	8	1	1	3	6	9	8
Swansea	8	2	2	1	7	10	0	0	3	0	5	8
Chester City	9	1	1	3	6	12	0	2	2	3	9	6
Cardiff City	9	0	1	3	4	10	1	1	3	4	11	5
Wigan	9	0	2	2	2	7	0	2	3	5	9	4

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE DIVISION 2

Aug	**19**	**Northampton T**	**5 - 2**
	26	Reading	2 - 0
Sep	2	Aldershot	4 - 1
	4	Crystal P(SJFC 1)	1 - 3
	9	**Ipswich T (SECLC 1)**	**1 - 1**
	16	Ipswich T (SECLC R)	3 - 5
	23	**Colchester U**	**3 - 1**
	30	Wimbledon	0 - 1
Oct	**7**	**Tottenham Hotspur**	**2 - 1**
	14	Brighton & H A	A
	28	**Oxford United**	**H**
Nov	4	Bournemouth	A
	11	Bristol C	A
	18	**Crystal Palace**	**H**
	25	Bristol Rovers	A
Dec	**2**	**Southampton**	**H**
	16	Luton T	A
Jan	6	Northampton T	A
	13	**Reading**	**H**
	20	**Aldershot**	**H**
	27	Colchester U	A
Feb	**3**	**Brighton & H A**	**H**
	10	**Wimbledon**	**H**
	17	Oxford United	A
	24	**Swindon T**	**H**
Mar	3	Crystal Palace	A
	10	Southampton	A
	17	Tottenham Hotspur	A
	24	**Bristol City**	**H**
	31	**Bristol Rovers**	**H**
Apr	**7**	**Bournemouth**	**H**
	14	**Luton Town**	**H**

WENDY FAIR CAPITAL LEAGUE

Aug	21	Barnet	6 - 2
	30	Aldershot	4 - 2
Sep	6	Cambridge Utd	2 - 2
	13	Enfield	5 - 2
	20	Leyton Orient	3 - 6
	27	**Wycombe Wdrs**	**4 - 3**
Oct	**11**	**Leyton Orient**	**H**
Nov	**1**	**Wokingham T**	**H**
	21	Gillingham (3.00 pm)	A
Dec	**6**	**Cambridge Utd (3.00 pm)**	**H**
	20	Wycombe Wdrs	A
Jan	**10**	**Aldershot (3.00 pm)**	**H**
	24	**Enfield**	**H**
Feb	5	Welling Utd	A
	14	**Colchester Utd(3.00 pm)**	**H**
	21	**Gillingham (3.00 pm)**	**H**
	28	Colchester Utd	A
Mar	**14**	**Welling Utd**	**H**
	21	Wokingham T	A
	28	**Southend Utd (3.00 pm)**	**H**
Apr	4	Wealdstone	A
	11	**Barnet**	**H**
	18	Southend	A
May	**2**	**Wealdstone**	**H**

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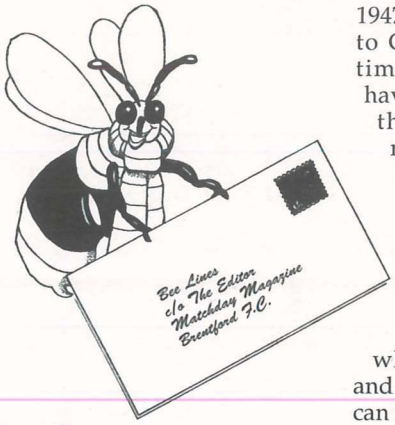

Dear Sir
In Saturday's magazine on Who's Who at Brentford, the article on Charlie Fletcher solved a question that my grandsons have always asked. They ask me, "When did you start supporting Brentford". I could never remember the year, but could always see Charlie Fletcher hammering the ball, so I told my grandsons there is the answer 1934, I was 19 years of age.
Thank you for the memory Eric
With best wishes to you and the club
Harry Ralph, Whitton, Middlesex.

To all at Brentford Football Club
Although the new soccer season is over a month old now, and the 'Bees' have not made the great start I am sure they were hoping for, may I take this opportunity to wish everyone in the club 'Good Luck and Success' in the season ahead and I'm sure that come April 1990, I shall be seeing the team heading for Division 2.
I have been a keen supporter of the 'Bees' since Christmas 1947 when my uncle took me to Griffin Park for the first time, and, over the years I have seen some great soccer there, but none made me more proud than the team reaching the 6th round of the cup last season - thanks so very much. Since emigrating to Canada going to see the 'Bees' is one thing I miss very much and when I'm home for a visit and they are at home nothing can keep me away. Please find enclosed a photograph of my car licence plate, and I hope that it brings a few smiles to all at the club. Once again thanks for the past and continued success for the rest of the season.
Your no.1 fan in Canada.
Michael J Wareham, Ontario, Canada.

Dear Eric
I write on behalf of Denis and myself to say how much we enjoyed yesterday evening at the Hilton and the pleasure of chatting over happy times with so many former friends and colleagues of the football worlds. It was good to see that so many of them had been invited.
An evening to remember.
With kind regards
Kathy Piggott, Chiddingfold, Surrey.

Dear Sir
I refer to a letter in the Manchester City programme from Jim Morrison commenting on the new shirt design, and to your note which mentioned the sales of shirts as being proof of their popularity.
I am, in fact, one of the supporters who wear the new shirt on the terraces, but would like to say that my feelings about the design are the same, if not stronger, than Mr Morrison's. I would suggest that the number of shirts being worn is more probably due to, firstly, a greater pride in the club following last season's great achievements, and secondly, is the most obvious souvenir of the club's centenary celebrations.
Surely, as we look back on 100 Years of our favourite club the last thing we should be doing is discarding the club badge, and disfuguring the traditionally wide striped shirt.
Perhaps you may consider some forms of survey or phone in to find out the supporters true feelings about the shirts.
Yours
P. Roker, Twickenham, Middlesex.

Dear Keith
Give yourself a pat on the back. Last night was stupendous and you and all of you many helpers deserve all our thanks for such an evening. My dad who died in 1970 had supported 'The Bees' for about 43 years and many of the names Eric introduced were dad's heroes, so with that and sitting next to Billy Dare, nostalgia ruled.
Brentford F.C. emerged triumphantly in the ? of football last night thanks to your vision, your leadership and your commitment.
Congratulations and many thanks from a supporter.
Yours sincerely
David Hylton,Cheam, Surrey.
P.S. Margaret enjoyed it too!

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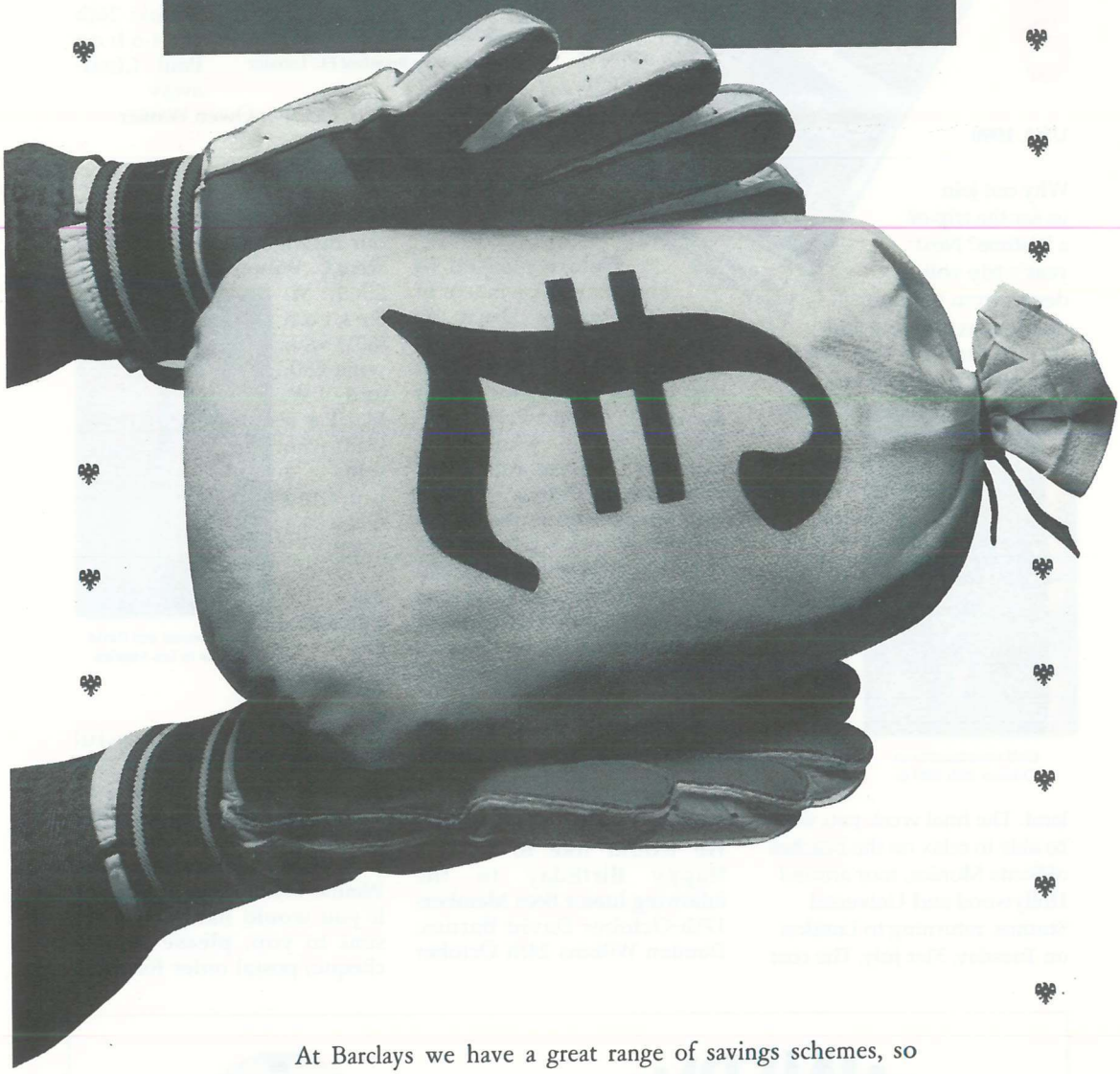

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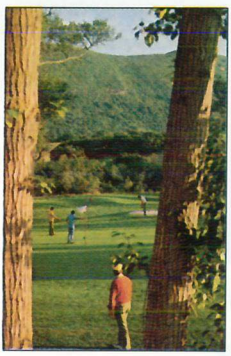

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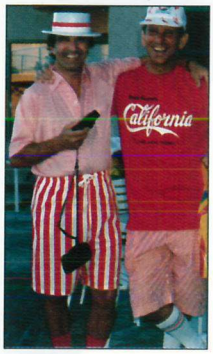
We are pleased to announce the winners in our Centenary Draw as follows: First Prize - Karl Lovelock - Hemel Hempstead who wins a holiday for two in the U.S.A. Second Prize - Jim Kelly - London - who wins a trip on Concorde and Third Prize - Junior Collins - Oxford who wins a trip on the Orient Express. A very big thank you to all our supporters who sold the raffle tickets and helped us raise our £7,000. The winning tickets were drawn by Lorraine Shoesmith, Miss Brentford at our Centenary Dinner at the London Hilton on Sunday, 8th October.

JUNIOR BEES

We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to the following Junior Bees Members 17th October David Barnes, Damian Wilkins 24th October Edward Hooker 25th October Harry Cole, Stuart Prior, David Odell, Akihiro Suzuki 26th October Paul Chattaway 27th October Owen Walker

LIFELINE

Our lifeline winners, drawn at our match against Bristol City were C. Wilson (802) who wins £500, M. Sexton (801) who wins £50, and W. Milan (348) who wins a Lorus Quartz watch.



Paul Lamond and David Hylton in Los Angeles.

100 YEARS OF BRENTFORD

We had a very successful launch of our publication "100 Years of Brentford" at our Centenary Dinner. If you have already reserved a copy you can either collect it from Winnie Taylor at the ground, or if you would like your copy sent to you, please send a cheque/postal order for £4.30

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OFFICE OPENING HOURS

With immediate effect, the main office will now be open on Saturday mornings from 9.30 am until 12.30 pm. In addition to general enquiries, you will be able to purchase a copy of "100 Years of Brentford" on any Saturday morning which is not a match day. Copies of the book can be purchased from the Club Shop on a match day.

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The Story So Far...

After a very short close season, expectations were high in August for a cracking start to Brentford's Centenary Season with only low odds available at the Bookmakers for promotion.

The Barclays League computer promised The Bees with some difficult looking early fixtures especially the matches against teams who had recently fallen out of the Second Division - Cardiff City, Huddersfield Town and Birmingham City but no one was expecting the shock of seeing Brentford sharing the bottom spot with The Bluebirds from South Wales after scoring 0-1 at home to Birmingham on the sunny Saturday afternoon of 23rd September.

Gaining only two points from the first six fixtures was even more surprising after the three fabulous Littlewoods Cup results against Brighton and Hove Albion (3-0 and 1-1) and the memorable 2-1 home victory against First Division Manchester City the pre-season friendly defeat of top flight Queen Park Rangers (1-0), only a few weeks earlier. The smallest crowd at a Brentford fixture all season, at Gresty Road (3,476), finally saw the Bees against their first Barclays League Division Three win, (3-2) over newly promoted Crewe Alexandra. This was the first time that we had played the The Railwaymen since we thrashed them 5-1 in our last promotion year on 28th January 1978 in front of a 6,871 attendance. That same season we beat this Cheshire team 6-4 on their home turf. Brentford supporters left Griffin Park happy after a league game for the first time a few days later after their team, assembled at a cost of £670,000, overcame bogey side Wigan Athletic (3-1).

Brentford therefore ended September in seventeenth position, ten points behind leaders Tranmere Rovers, with an average home attendance of 5,178 and an average away gate of 4,963. The standard of play has been quite good and every defeat having a 0-1 scoreline illustrating that the defence is giving little away. However, despite a lot of attacking pressure in the early matches, goalscoring remains a problem, especially with Richard Cadettes injury problem.

Four players have made their Brentford first team debuts already - Scottish Under 21 international midfielder Eddie May who was transferred from Hibernian for £167,000 in

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the summer, former Junior team goalscoring star Kelly Haag, defender Mark Flemming who arrived from QPR and recent signing Dean Holdsworth who scored against Wigan after coming from Second Division Watford for £125,000. Steve Perryman has used eighteen different players so far and states that promotion remains a priority despite enjoying the cup football. The disciplinary record has been reasonable with no sending offs and no bookings in five of the opening eleven fixtures. Ten bookings have actually been made involving seven players.

The club has had its successes already this season with two local awards. Gifted Roger Stanislaus won the "Barclays Young Eagle" regional award for the London and South area for the month of August. Chairman Martin Lange and team Manager Steve Perryman attended a reception at Uxbridge Civic Centre on 16th September to pick up a Merit Award for being voted, along with Chelsea, as the top Football League Club in the County of Middlesex. The reserve team in the Wendy Fair Capital League and the Junior team in the South East Counties League Division Two have both made excellent starts to the present campaign with some high scoring victories. Keith Jones and Company will be doing their best to emulate some of those results.

Despite winning the 1989 Third Division programme award from the Football League book published by Facer Publishing, the matchday programme has been completely re vamped with new publishers, and increased number if pages and effective use of colour photography and has been popular with supporters. These are an increased number of contributors with new features such as "Previous Encounter", "Connections", "Who's Who of Brentford", "Duggie Spots another Bee from the Hive", "Off The Field", "Rob's Recollections", "Preview", "How to get there", "Juniors and Reserves", "Match Reports", "Chairmans Question Time" and "When Saturday's Gone".

The club has learned at a lot in the first two months of the new term and going into the Autumn and Winter mostly will provide a stern test in the Barclays League and the opening of the Leyland DAF Cup and the Football Association Cup. Fifteen goals from the first eleven fixtures (six in the three cup matches) is not an impressive total but many fans believe that the Bees will be doing their utmost to improve and the 1987/90 season is still far from over for Brentford Football Club.

David H Ohl

PREVIEW
Bees v. Fulham

Our near neighbours have made an encouraging start to the season and although it is early days yet have been playing well enough to suggest they could figure in the shake up for honours.

Fulham just missed out last season, a strong late run from March onward which saw them beaten only three times in sixteen games (one of those an uncharacteristic 7-0 thrashing at Chester) lifting them into the play-offs where they were comprehensively beaten 5-0 on aggregate by Bristol Rovers.

Managed by Ron Lewington, who at 32 is one of the youngest supporters in the Barclays League, the Cottagers are currently tucked in behind the leaders having suffered only two defeats in nine games.

Fulham's involvement in the Littlewoods Cup ended in Second Round defeat by Sunderland, but only after they ? Second Division Oxford United in a sensational ending to their clash at the Manor Ground.

After losing the first leg at Craven Cottage 1-0, Fulham's hopes of further progress were far from bright what with four minutes remaining of the second leg and drawing 3-3 they looked out for the count.

But in a loosing finish, the Cottagers dragged themselves off the flour to score twice through Skinner and Scott and take the tie 5-4 on aggregate. Fulham have Luton striker Ian Dowle on loan at present, plugging the gaps left by the awful injury suffered by Michael Cole in the close season which came close to leaving him paralysed.

We met Fulham five times last season, winning twice, losing once and sharing the spoils on the other two occasions, and for those of you who saw those games I don't need to say that we looked the better equipped outfit for higher grade football.

TODAY'S LINE-UPS

BRENTFORD (Red & White)		BOLTON (Blue & White)
Tony PARKS	1	Dave FELGATE
John BUTTIGIEG	2	Phil BROWN
Mark FLEMING	3	Barry COWDRILL
Keith MILLEN	4	Paul COMSTIV
Terry EVANS	5	Dean CROMBIE
Simon RATCLIFFE	6	Mark WINSTANLEY
Keith JONES	7	Stuart STORER
Eddie MAY	8	Steve THOMPSON
Dean HOLDSWORTH	9	David REEVES
Gary BLISSETT	10	Tony PHILLISKIRK
Neil SMILLIE	11	Julian DARBY
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Man in the middle

Referee:	Mr. K. Cooper (Pontypridd)
Linesmen:	Yellow Trim: Mr. B.J. Firman (Luton)
	Red Trim: Mr. D.M. Mitchell (West Wickham)
Reserve Official:	Mr M. Wyvill

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TONIGHT'S MASCOT

We welcome Simon Hards who is mascot for this evening's match. He is 9 years old and attends Lionel Rd School - Brentford. Simon loves all sport and plays football for his school. His favourite player is Keith Millen.
Have a lovely time Simon.